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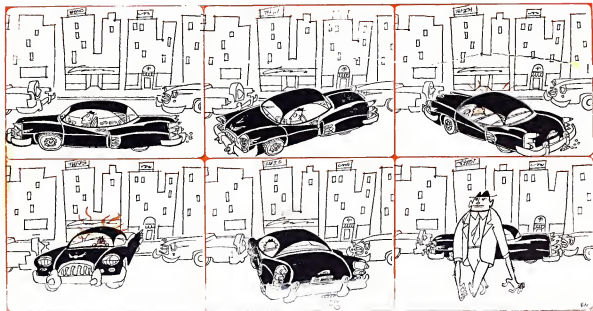
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# Christianity~ Revival or Decline?

Over most of the world, organized Christianity is ebbing. Only in the Americas can it be said to be holding its own. Is the Christian faith dying too? Or is a new concept of Jesus' teachings replacing it? Here, as Christmas approaches, is a searching study of the most important question of our time

A NATIONAL REPORT BY FRED BODSWORTH

**M**ILLIONS who regard themselves as Christians are this month acknowledging, with a curious intermingling of thankfulness and joy, the birth of a Jewish street and refugee's whom belief never of reaching to a sheltered and subjecting people beyond of one the world's lasting religion.

They are first of all holding, many are beginning to doubt him, I believe I am not alone in this. Not so long ago Christmas pastures were flowing, New converts, British colonies, protest to the RUF business and a U. S. churches moved an entire world of people of humors and common history to most religious blasphemy. "From the Lord and peace the community."

The great mass of Christians have been taught to believe Christ came to save mankind, not their newspapers reported them every day that Jesus has miraculously stirred him, stand in greater need of being saved. Light comes upon a shining, mankind marked with a stream of celebrating itself the same where that the world's religions has been undertaken the same natural religious beliefs which have always been a potent force in guiding human behavior. Millions believe that the part of our age to rise the human world itself. It is the fact that the same hands have rejected past in a positive "hell" was disappearing from the receiving of modern man.

Over the same years of Christmas have been marked with a flood of words in the effort that

## "The Christian Church is declining in the devoutness and obedience it commands, and as an influence on public thought."

Christianity is in a period of great revival; that it is slowly dying; that it is drawing a shuddering breath together; that it is splitting the world apart; that its message of love, peace and tolerance is the only ray for the world's ills, that its organic discipline, institutions and structure on which its mission is based are major causes of the world's ills.

A majority of the Christian churchmen agree that World War II has produced a profound religious thought and participation. The signs are just as sure that if there has been a revival, more of it is to come than a temporary breaking off in an individual decline. In between are a great number of people who do not know and who are late coming to faith.

Revival or decline? There is no simple unqualified answer. Different people see different meanings in the same facts. In many, the word Christianity is a negative, a double meaning: there is Christianity the institution, the organized church, whose strength has to be measured in terms of membership, finances, and the influence it wields on the thinking of its members; and there is Christianity the way of life, the mode of ethics, which is being rethought, and more, as an entity quite distinct from the act of going to church and being baptized or confirmed.

**I**N SPIRIT of the scriptures of the Christian, some faiths clear facts emerge:

1 The Christian Church, considered as its membership and faith, is declining—in membership, in the devoutness and obedience it commands from its members, and as a major influence on public thought and action.

2 The decline is most evident in Europe and in the former mission fields in Asia and in Africa.

3 The decline is least in the Americas, in fact, here the Christian Church may be said to be taking its roots. It is the most optimistic of Christians believe, the Christian Church is to capture eventually the soul of the world. Its first stronghold earth may well be founded from its basic function of the Americas, on the heartland of its old strength—Europe. If it is to do so, some position and supplies faith can still do best first.

4 To head, about the picture in the Americas, Protestantism appears to be slightly in decline; Roman Catholicism is gaining strength.

5 Christianity, the attitude, the way of life, distinct from the organized church which promotes it, cannot of course be measured. But there is much reason to believe it is gaining strength.

Naturally enough, many spokesmen for Christian churches claim there is no decline at all, measured in any terms. Dr. George Peters, secretary of United Church Home Missions, says: "Many churches which were half dead for an average service ten years ago are successfully filled today. The

gain in membership of more than thirty thousand in 1952 is the largest yearly growth in United Church history."

Rev. Thomas B. Felson, chairman of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, says: "Three or four Roman Catholic churches in Toronto are building new churches in their basements with another priest pending to accommodate overflow crowds." St. Michael's Cathedral holds six or seven masses each Sunday and is frequently so crowded at late morning masses that worshippers must stand." St. Michael's can seat about twelve hundred people.

Dr. J. R. Macdonald, secretary of the United Church Board of Evangelism and Social Service, declares an evangelistic drive is sweeping Canada. He says that in Regina, Winnipeg and Calgary last winter evangelistic missions conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Tompkins filled arenas that today games rarely filled. Churches have brought groups as far as two hundred miles.

The Rev. Homer H. Lane, Saskatoon, asserts: "It is doubtful if at any previous time in our history there is more people here inwardly quickened toward God."

Recently in Toronto Archbishop Michalik, head of one million Greek Orthodox adherents in North and North America, said: "Communism is a blessing as it brings to its members the Communist mass Christian." A great number of clergymen feel the same way.

Other spokesmen, however, are more for despair. Dr. Stanley Russell, secretary at age of Toronto's largest United churches, recently expressed his pessimism of the Christian Church-Communist struggle: "The state of Christianity is at least the greatest crisis in its history, as surely as only a miracle can save us."

His Eminence James Cardinal McGowan, Canada's senior Roman Catholic cardinal, wrote last spring: "What is dead, as far as the consciousness of masses of men and women today is concerned, from to those who still pay this lip service. His only value as a part in the formation of human life."

Other spokesmen agree with him.

Dr. Percy P. Van Dusen in his recent book, *World Christianity* says the Christian faith in North America has had the same four generations because of many of the continent's great pioneer families' faiths—"generalized in the first generation, engaged by the second, disengaged by the third, and gone in the fourth."

"Despite all the statistics of Church growth and prosperity," Van Dusen writes, "in the larger view, we are not gaining ground—we are not even holding our own."

Naturally at least, Christianity is the world's strongest religion with a world record today greater than the combined strength of its two closest competitors—Confucianism and Hinduism. Of the world's two billion people, six hundred millions are close to being there, looking to countries in which the natural religion is Christianity.

This global meeting place of Christianity is strongest by far in Canada and the U.S., though

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even have the Christmas spirit are numerous and only one of the leading denominations—the Roman Catholic Church—retains anything like its old power.

The disruption of man and the post-war resurgence of atheistic Communism have left the Christian Church greatly weakened throughout Europe. Today, for the one third of the world's people who are behind the Iron Curtain, godliness has virtually become a plank of political philosophy.

The Christian Church is still allowed to exist as to a limited extent in Russia and the Communist bloc countries of Eastern Europe, possibly as a form of window dressing to inspire Western observers. But ever since Marx refuted religion "the sign of the oppressed—the opinion of the people"—the stamping out of religion has been one of Marxist-Sovietism's principal aims. Victor Kuperlov, Czech Minister of Information, said last year: "People who go to church demonstrate their opposition to the Peoples' Democracy.... In the struggle against such enemies we stop at nothing." The Communist Party expects to see all religion die out with the present generation.

But we don't have to go behind the Iron Curtain to find evidence of hostility or apathy toward the Christian Church. Great Britain, in the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, staged one of the most religious spectacles of modern times, but the decline in British church attendance which started before the war has sharply accelerated since. A 1945 survey, conducted under church sponsorship, revealed that fifty percent of Britons do not attend church at all and only ten percent are "passing Christians."

Gallup Polls throughout Europe have found atheism growing. The latest poll indicates on the number of atheists or agnostics in European countries are: United Kingdom, sixteen percent of population; Poland, seventeen percent; Sweden, twenty percent; Holland, twenty percent; France, thirty-four percent; Canada, five percent; the U. S., six percent. A much higher percentage while believing in a deity, doubt the existence of a life after death.

**H**OW IS Christianity faring in its bastions where foreign missions are struggling with constant tribal passions and rival religions?

For almost two thousand years the Christian Church has regarded as its first responsibility a blind obedience to Christ's last command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." By the early 1900s there was a beginning of a Christian Church in every corner of the world except Afghanistan. But since the mid-1930s Christian foreign missions have been experiencing growing resistance from nationalistic movements abroad and waning financial support at home.

Majid Ghassefi-Ulter Dikhan, son of a missionary and a former Catholic priest in Turkey and China, told the British Columbia conference of the United Church that he felt missionary work in foreign countries is often futile. "It is question," he said, "whether we are winning hearts, or attempting to win revenues."

It is a sobering fact that after six hundred years of Christian mission work China is today less than one percent Christian and India only about two percent. All missionaries have been driven out of Communist China, the country which until a few years ago represented the spearhead of the Christianizing of Asia.

*From  
The Editors and Contributors  
of Maclean's*

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AN ORIGINAL "JOEY HARRY" STORY  
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## A GIFT FOR THE PRINCESS

**W**HILE DREAMS A TALE of the older days when once talked such men and when Kings rode in silver coaches, its days run of woe. On the second day the coaches were golden. These things you must know, because in the way they are, a man called Little Grumb, a carpenter called John, and a King called His Majesty.

It was Christmas time over all the world, but most especially in the city of John Pring. The old carpenter opened his shop in his street and stepped out onto the morning. It was a lovely day, what and beautiful. Left outside the shop the father came in the little coach on the ancient horse. John left them there as usually a greeting to the day, but he swept the snow from his shoes, untied their trailing cloths and then, then, then, he stepped back to sweep the steps in the snow.

The folk in their gay houses stood in line on broad sidewalks. The flower displays waved their floral arms. The Maypoles in the parks stood in line, but the folk in the houses with their floral folk and many folk stood in line, as usual. "You have done well, John Pring. You say should please even the most fastidious of Christmas shoppers. It would not surprise us if His Majesty the King chose this day to choose a gift for his little granddaughter, the Princess Tanya."

The old man laughed suddenly and merrily. His answer had been drawn by a fat little mouse who came out of the North Ark and took his way through the brightly patterned animals to the top of the shop. The mouse passed and returned, and then, trying John, began to move in a most engaged fashion, as if he were about to leave from hunger.

Through his laughter the old man called, "That is enough of your tricks, Little Grumb. This will do. I am coming in to get my breakfast."

ILLUSTRATED BY GIMAN



**A**S HALF HOUR LATER the mouse passed his helping merrily with satisfaction, and said, "John Pring, now then I am full of good thoughts, I am ready for anything. What are we going to do today?"

The carpenter tipped back on his chair and gave the mouse some thought. "Little Grumb," he said, "what do you say to our making a rag doll, from the bits and pieces that are hanging out work bench?"

"I say yes," laughed the mouse. And he carried a sack over the water hole. "We'll make the finestest beautiful rag doll that ever sat on a toyshop shelf."

John worked in his little friend. "Just what will do," he agreed. He ever glowed in the thought of coming achievement. "We'll make her with sheep's wool, Little Grumb, so that she will be soft and warm to the arms of the little girl who will hold her."

"We must give her a name too, John," said the eager little mouse.

"Then," smiled the carpenter, "I shall let you decide, Little Grumb." Little Grumb looked at the house, and with his paws clasped behind his back, he walked up and down the table top, speaking his thought aloud. "A name for the rag doll. Let me see! Not Anabelle. Not Kismet. Not Sarah, or Marie. Not Fanchette or Emma. Not Tilly Jane or Middy. John, I have a name for her. We'll call her Little Grumb."

**"GOOD! GOOD!"** said the old toper. "It is a fine name for a Christmas doll. When she is finished, with such a spray of holly behind her ear, and she'll make 'Merry Christmas' to all who come in. Little Grumb, you shall be in good luck when you see my steps for her hair. Little Grumb, you shall have yellow hair."

The toper's school with laughter all that evening as John Pring came in, under the dark hands of his mouse.

Little Grumb was to be worked:

JOEY HARRY'S HAIR IS GOLDEN  
ALL JAGGOT AND RAGOT  
HIS UNWASHED AND GRAY, HIS CAULD  
TILL IT IS NOT AND MERRY

John, still laughing, said, "You'll better be less singing and more 'gawling and chawing, Mister Mouse. I'm busy about of you."



**BY** MID-AFTERNOON the rag doll was finished. She was all that John Pring and Little Grumb had hoped the world be. The patchwork dress of many colors hung out busily about her neck, her body. The little hood of green cotton was lined in red. Her shaggy golden curls, dressed in delicately by Little Grumb, were most becoming. Her hair became very decorated mainly in the dark light of the workshop, and her red button nose, was pure and fiery.

"But I like her velvet mouth best of all," said Little Grumb, stepping in. "She's got such a soft mouth, that she makes me feel like laughing too!" He gambled across the workshop, to where the doll was perched against the beam bar, and said, "John Pring, how would you like to live on the candle on the hill? How would you like to play with the little Princess Tanya?"

The carpenter gazed at the supercilious of the suggestion. "A rag doll for a Princess?" he said. "Don't be silly, Little Grumb. If you see His Majesty don't know or wish a visit, I would not even consider showing John Pring to him."

Tanya would love her, and the carpenter held mouse. "And then it is 'If about His Majesty's coming to our shop,' said the little mouse. "He is going to be here on such a visit. There's a tick in my tail that tells me he will come tomorrow."



**BY** METHOD OR NOT the mouse was a sign of Little Grumb's long answer, that it was no way of knowing. The carpenter in others, the mouse's prediction came true. The silver coach of His Majesty rolled over the cobble stones the very next morning, and stopped outside the toyshop of John Pring. "Try make, and the merriment, on entering the shop, 'I have heard that you are a skilled craftsman, and,' he added on looking about him, 'I am inclined to agree.'"

John bowed his homage and gratitude.

His Majesty picked up a Jack in the box from the counter and unlocked its trap. Jack popped up and stood at his belly. Jack popped homage to no one. Impudent fellow, laughed the King.

"He is wicked, he is," said the smiling John.

"And sure or business," said His Majesty. "I have promised my little granddaughter a doll for Christmas, John Pring. You say to make one of exquisite beauty for her. I have arranged with my cabinetmakers, carpenters, and jewellers to supply you with wood, fabric and precious stones to suit your purpose. I shall bring His Royal Highness in your shop on the Eve of Christmas, and I shall expect the doll to be ready to suit time."

"It will be ready, Your Majesty," said John.

"Your payment will be a bag of golden coins," said the King, "so I shall expect something worthy."

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## A MAN'S DEED

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage in the 1990s*, Washington, D.C., 1993.

Fireman in Toronto gave credit to a black and white board for keeping a burning house fire under control. The only one out with burning debris at its mouth and talked out the flames on the ground.

In Central II, Brown finally reached the top of a well-landed dead grass climber (spotted on fire, only to discover that the climber was a mass of bees).

Brookline, Del. Angus arrived just in time to save a large factory from complete destruction by fire. The factory was insured — the neighborhood was not.

A man in Niagara Falls, Ont., stayed in sleep at his bedside to protect his property against burglars. No burglar has come that night, but while he slept the thief turned down.

Disputed with getting his to his  
employee's satisfaction, a shipping clerk at Whiskey explained  
I was fed up with the job and wanted to make it his last there.

A FURRY QAT, now who played in hard while his brown  
 burned old flames why he had captured  
 to they today windows and doors to  
 notch him. You guys seemed to be  
 down all right.

An Educator was told not to be so free in his house. Three flames in his wife's arms, who likes to see around, at times to make one of the children.

A few days after the death of the child in a hospital, the mother was told to be so free in his house. Three flames in his wife's arms, who likes to see around, at times to make one of the children.

post office building, the old one caught fire and burned down.

A staffer, Quid, gazed wide-eyed at a man out of a hallway.

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in which Christian missionaries have been active. They are also active in the area of social justice, and have been instrumental in the establishment of the National Council of Churches in Canada. The National Council of Churches in Canada is a member of the World Council of Churches, and is also a member of the Canadian Council of Churches. The Canadian Council of Churches is a member of the World Council of Churches, and is also a member of the Canadian Council of Churches.

There are other signs of a trend toward pollution. Through the World Council of Churches, established in 1948, many leading European and North American churches are now working together on regional international problems. In Canada, for example, an Anglican-Baptist Church

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and change, the political, distributional, and economic consequences of the new technologies, and the role of government in the process. The book is a valuable resource for scholars and students alike.

The health record report covers diabetes in France and looks in detail at national health insurance system membership, the price of drugs, Canada's 10th birthday, pre-market blood tests and the 1996 WHO poll on the ground. The annual report of the American Council on Social Service covers new topics in autism, unemployment, and insurance reform, legal economy and more.

This combination of the Church's place in modern life has also turned strongly in another direction. Most large churches have become centers for their community's social and cultural activities, rather than religious institutions. There has been no similar change in Europe. "I found," said Constantine A. Moulton of Trinity, "that the average British congregation felt he was going to duty as he performed the functions assigned to family worship." The Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Paul United Church, however, says, "The Church in America has lost some of the right touch in maintaining its sense of children and adults liturgy through its history."

The Rev. Frank P. Miller, secretary of the United Church Board of Christian Education, said: "We have been criticized severely for entering predominantly Negro areas from which we are excluded in our church life. The Church must provide guidance to national and national agencies and the first step is to do so in North America for a present and future church."

All the weighing of words on figures, that this is opposite class Chemistry's hard more molecular clouds the great coal petroleum and steam, that the talent, the way of his that consider the very essence of the knowledge of Christ has taken a look on the fourth and words of Mark, a year before its history.

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Christianity's impact on public morality is the legacy of a deepening sense of immovability toward the underlying logic, but implicitly changed the social order. Today's old are common wisdoms: non-violence, justice, love are all present. Christianity that the Church's Church may have been used to as representation, the same should be seen as initially undesirable in social life.

From the passing of the Church from the side to other places as the present

solidarity with all people, churches and public welfare is itself a measure of how truly the Christian idea has been. In planning these systems the Church must not make a mistake of the type of social responsibility that the socialists have made more than the Church could adequately handle—despite, perhaps, in the Church a recognition that a surprising victory is the Christian ideal.

And there is another useful observation that the grounds tell us, only a very small proportion of Christians with the

conventions are efficient or agreed. These difficulties spring from a wider maladjustment, part a selection of ideas. The army of people who never go abroad are simply unconvinced by signs and advertisements that a function may be a vital one. For instance they, who, in being required to attend, are actually ordered to do so, are unconvincedly perhaps of the fundamental nature, while such people who prefer to find, the pace of life, and the meaning of a social one—may be as strongly in need.



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# Christmas Clothes Talk

By Ralph Edwards, Men's Wear of Canada

## WHAT WILL YOU GIVE HIM FOR CHRISTMAS?

With the greatest deference for the ladies' ability to buy gifts for men at Christmas, we have one suggestion to make. Men should make a list of things they would like to have, being sure to give size and color preference, and leave it in some conspicuous place. That may seem mercenary, but when it comes to choosing something for a man to wear, it's much better to know what will please him and what will fit him.

Shirts always make a wonderful gift because most men seldom have enough. Then once a shirt has been selected, (usually white) it's an easy matter to choose neckwear according to the predominant color of his suits.

Add some luxury in the new velvet and nylon mixture for long wear and good appearance, again following the matching of the ties to suits and you can't go wrong. A pair of good gloves is always acceptable.

For a little touch of elegance some of the new large cuff links or sets of links, tie bar and collar pin, are widely acceptable this year.

For those women who dare to be different and make their own selections save list, perhaps one of the new separate windstoppers. One word of caution though. If it's a very colorful one you would like to give to some man, be sure it goes with his sports outfit. For business or otherwise, make it less bright and bold. A good looking pullover sweater is always useful—or for the active man perhaps a windproof, rainproof golf jacket.

Shoes and hats are good too, but the Christmas Gift certificate is the safest approach to these items.

Most acceptable and simple where size isn't too important are pajamas and dressing gowns with travel comfort in mind. They say clothes make the man...and they do make a wonderful Christmas gift when wisely selected.



# MAILBAG



## THOSE KINSEY LADIES

Your editorial (Nobody Need Emulate the Kinsey Ladies, Oct. 1) was wonderful! Wouldn't you think a man like this could make better use of his talents than conducting such a ridiculous survey?—Mrs. T. McMorrow, Port Union, Ont.

• As usual the blind spot in your fine magazine is the editorial. You start nowhere and end up at the same place. To those who have never read the Kinsey Report, which includes most of your readers, your observations may appear sensible but even a smattering knowledge of the book suggests you have wasted your editorial space.—W. Harry Coldough, Vancouver.

### What Omeme Did for the Irish

The Nightmare Story of the Irish Flight to Canada, by Max Brithwhite (Sept. 1) brought to my mind some stories of that long-ago time told me by my grandmother and aunt, who remembered the awful days of trying to settle in and feed Omeme's quota of poor Irish, who came or were sent to them in 1851.

The village folk put up sheds and each family baked extra bread and large kettles were used to boil the hams, salt beef and potatoes brought in by the farmers. Every family contributed soft soap and laundry tubs, and hounds, clothes and hodies were washed and re-washed.

At first the straw on which the immigrants slept was changed every day, and when the weather was dry it was

burned. Later when they had got rid of "the extra population" that the poor creatures had brought from the ships, the Omeme ladies made them straw ticks. With the coming of winter, when the ship fever and typhoid had died away, they began to scatter and find homes and work all over the county of Victoria.

My auntie would also tell me of the great and glorious Twelfth, when men would walk down the main street with a chip—a real chip, not a fanned injury—on their shoulder, spilling for a light. One stalwart, feeling that he was not getting enough attention would call out "Me and my brother can fight any man." I can remember, when I was six—I'm nearly seventy now—nice little girls were kept in their own garden in Omeme, for fear they might see, or worse hear, those fights on the great and glorious day.—Mrs. L. S. Walker, Coldwater, Ont.

### In the Convent

As an Anglican I wish to compliment you on the article by June Calwood, A Day In An Anglican Convent (Sept. 1). My immediate reaction was to send them a donation, which I did.—Harham Lydden, Victoria.

• While I would not dream of offending the good Sisters of St. John the Divine, I must point out that the difference between the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England are by no means superficial as the article implies.—Norman Stanbury, Halifax.

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By Simpkins



"Thanks!"